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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re RAHUL D. MANCHANDA Case No. 14-11259-ALG

Chapter 13

Debtor.

Hon. Allan L. Gropper

## MOTION TO DENY DISCHARGE UNDER 11 U.S.C. § 1328(f) FOR SUCCESSIVE FILINGS

## TO: THE HONORABLE ALLAN M. GROPPER UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

Creditor/Landlord James Shea ("Movant"), by its undersigned counsel, moves this Court for order pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 4004 and 11 U.S.C. § 1328(f) denying a discharge to Debtor Rahul D. Manchanda, and respectfully represents as follows:

- 1. Movant is a creditor and former landlord of Debtor.
- 2. On April 30, 2014, the Debtor commenced this case by the filing of a voluntary chapter 13 Petition.
- 3. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 301(b), the filing of the voluntary Petition herein constituted an order for relief under chapter 13 at on the date of such filing.
- 4. On September 3, 2013, the Debtor herein filed a chapter 7 petition in this Court, *In re Rahul Dev Manchanda*, Case No. 13-12880-MG (the "2013 Chapter 7"), for which he was granted a discharge on January 13, 2014. The 2013 Chapter 7 was

identified as a prior bankruptcy case filed by the Debtor on page 2 of the Petition herein. (ECF Doc. 1).

- 5. 11 U.S.C. 1238(f) provides, in relevant part:
- (f) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b), the court shall not grant a discharge of all debts provided for in the plan or disallowed under section 502, if the debtor has received a discharge--
  - (1) in a case filed under chapter 7, 11, or 12 of this title during the 4-year period preceding the date of the order for relief under this chapter.
- 6. Under 11 U.S.C. 1238(f), where a debtor has filed a chapter 7 petition in which he has received a discharge within the four years prior to the filing of a chapter 13 petition, the debtor is barred from receiving a discharge in the chapter case. *In re Sanders*, 551, F3d 397, 399-400 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir., 2008); *In re Bateman*, 515 F.3d 272, 279-281 (4<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2008).
- 7. Here, the Debtor filed and received a discharge in the 2013 Chapter 7 less than one year prior to filing the chapter 13 Petition herein.
- 8. As such, under 11 U.S.C. 1328(f), the Debtor should be denied a discharge herein.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated herein and in all other proceedings herein,
Creditor/Landlord James Shay respectfully requests that this Court issue an Order

pursuant to 11 U.S.C. 1328(f), denying a discharge to the Debtor herein, as well as award such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York August 4, 2014

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